February 28, 1939

Dear Judge Poliers:

I tried to reach you on the telephone in New York, but was not able to do so.

I talked with Mr. James McDonald and he told me he is in favor of the bill personally, but he has been told that pressing the President at the present time any means that the people in Congress who have bills to cut the vote will present them immediately and that might precipitate a difficult situation which would result in cutting the vote by 90%, and that, of course, would be very serious. Therefore, the committee hesitates to recommend support of the bill when they do not know whether this will be the result or not.

I also talked with Sumner Welles. He says that personally he is in favor of the bill and feels as I do about it, but that it would not be advisable for the President to come out, because if the President did and was defeated it would be very bad. I told him I did not think it was any question of the President’s actually coming out, though he was anxious to see the bill go through.

I cabled the President and he said I could come out and I could talk to Mr. Welles and say he would be pleased to have the bill go through but he did not want to say anything publicly at the present time.

Mr. Welles feels very strongly that pressing the bill at the present time might do exactly what Mr. McDonald says, because his desk is flooded with protests
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accusing the State Department of conniving in allowing a great many more Jewish people than the quota permits to enter the country under various pretenses.

I asked, if the bill were simply held in abeyance until the time when the country had actually prepared a plan for all people who are refugees, if then the whole situation would not be clarified by setting some kind of a time limit, such as the end of the educational period when these youngsters would go to whatever settlement was being developed and rejoin their own families or be assigned to the care of some family over here until they become independent. He said that would of course make it very much simpler, but he was not inclined to recommend pressing the President at present.

Of course I leave it entirely up to your good judgment what should happen and I know the President will be glad to have someone keep him informed about it after I go away.

Very sincerely yours,

Judge Justine Wise Polier
280 West 4th St.
NYC
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January 4, 1930

Dear Judge Polier:

My husband says that you had better go to work at once and get two people of opposite parties in the House and in the Senate and have them jointly get agreement on the legislation which you want for bringing in children.

The State Department is only afraid of what Congress will say to them, and therefore if you remove that fear the State Department will make no objection.

He advises that you choose your people rather carefully and, if possible, get all the Catholic support you can.

Very sincerely yours,

Honorable Justine Wise Polier
280 West 4th Street
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Judge, Justine Wise Polier
280 West 4th Street
New York, N.Y.

December 29, 1938

Mrs. Roosevelt will see you Friday at 5:00 p.m. here at White House

Malvina C. Thompson
Secretary to Mrs. Roosevelt
TELEGRAM

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Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt.

Court recess for Friday would deeply appreciate appointment any
time that day if possible. My address is 280 West 4th St.

Judge

Justine Wise Polier.

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Her Friday at 5 PM

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December 30, 1938

MEMO FOR MR. CRIER:

Mrs. Roosevelt will see
Judge Justine Wise Polier on
December 30, at 5 p.m.

M.T.L.
January 9, 1939

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

I am deeply grateful to you for your letter of January fourth. We are working along the line that you suggested and I know that you will be happy to learn that we are receiving whole-hearted cooperation from almost every source.

I have just received your note of January sixth, enclosing the letter from Ernestine Evans, and shall take it up with the group within the next few days.

With warmest appreciation for your advice.

Sincerely

[Signature]

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
White House
Washington, D.C.